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46. (Currently Amended) A water treatment system comprising:
- a housing supporting a contained water volume therein; and
- ~~an untethered a free standing~~ water treatment device having a water treatment material contained therein, said ~~untethered free standing~~ water treatment device located within said housing completely below a water line of the contained water volume, said ~~untethered free standing~~ water treatment device including a container for holding the water treatment material, said container having an opening for the ingress and egress of water therethrough.
47. (Currently Amended) The water treatment system of claim 46 wherein the ~~untethered free standing~~ water treatment device is supported by said housing.
48. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 46 wherein the opening of said container comprises an inlet and an outlet for the ingress and egress of water therethrough.

49. (Currently Amended) The water treatment system of claim 46 wherein the untethered free standing water treatment device includes a metal ion yielding water treatment material contained therein.

50. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 46 wherein the water treatment material contained therein is silver chloride.

51. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 46 wherein the housing supporting the contained water volume therein comprises a pool housing.

52. (Original) A water treatment system comprising:
a housing supporting a contained water volume therein; and
a free standing water treatment device having a water treatment material contained therein, said free standing water treatment device supported by said housing below a water line of the contained water volume, said free standing water treatment device including a container for holding the water treatment material, said container having a passage for directing a portion of water into contact with the water treatment material.

53. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 52 wherein the free standing water treatment device includes a metal ion yielding water treatment material contained therein.

54. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 52 wherein the water treatment material contained therein is silver chloride.

55. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 52 wherein the housing supporting the contained water volume therein comprises a pool housing.

56. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 52 wherein the passage of said container comprises an inlet and an outlet for directing a portion of water flowing thereto into contact with the water treatment material.

57. (Currently Amended) A method of purifying water of a contained water volume in a water treatment system comprising the steps of:

placing a free standing water treatment device comprising a container having a water treatment material contained therein in a housing completely below a water line of the contained water volume located within said housing for the purification of said contained water volume; and

allowing the water in the contained water volume access to the water treatment material.

58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 57 wherein the step of placing the free standing water treatment device in a housing below a water line of the contained water volume located within said housing comprises placing the free standing water treatment device below a water line of a contained water volume in a pool housing.

59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 57 wherein the step of placing the free standing water treatment device in a housing below a water line of the contained water volume located within said housing comprises placing the free standing water treatment device below a water line of a contained water volume in a spa or hot tub housing

60. (Original) The method of claim 57 including the step of directing a portion of the contained water volume in contact with the water treatment material located in the container.

61. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 57 wherein the step of placing the free standing water treatment device in a housing below a water line of the contained water volume located within said housing comprises placing a free standing water treatment device below the water line of the contained water volume in said housing.

62. (Currently Amended) A water treatment system comprising:
a housing having a contained water volume therein; and
a free standing water treatment device having a water treatment material contained therein, said water treatment device having an exterior surface for supporting the water treatment device on the housing, said water treatment device located completely below a water line of the contained water volume, said water treatment device including an opening for directing a portion of contained water volume into contact with the water treatment material.

63. (Currently Amended) A method of purifying a contained fluid comprising the steps of:

forming a free standing container having a fluid treatment material located therein with said free standing container and said fluid treatment material having an insufficient buoyancy to float in said contained fluid;

placing the free standing container with the fluid treatment material in the contained fluid; and

allowing the free standing container with the fluid treatment material to submerge completely below a fluid line of the contained fluid for the purification of said contained fluid.

64. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 63 wherein the step of allowing the free standing container with the fluid treatment material to submerge completely below a fluid line of the contained fluid comprises allowing the free standing container with the fluid treatment material to submerge in the contained fluid to a bottom of the housing for the purification of said contained fluid volume.